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SUBJECT: WORLD YOUTH FESTIVAL IN HAVANA

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1. SRI LANKA IS REPRESENTED AT THE 11TH WORLD YOUTH  
RESTIVAL XYA 111-MEMBER DELEGATION.

2. THE MEDIA OF ALL PARTIES GAVE THE CONFERENCE MUCH  
PUBLICITY, BUT MOST OF THIS CENTERED ON THE CONTROVERSY  
STEMMING FROM ACTIN MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS' STATEMENT  
TO CABINET ON JULY 19 THAT UNP (GOVERNMENT PARTY) "HAD  
NOT BEEN GIVEN A FAIR QUOTA OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE  
FORTHCOMING 11TH FESTIVAL OF YOUTH TO BE HELD AT HAVANA,  
AND THAT NO FORMAL INVITATION HAD BEEN RECEIVED THROUGH  
THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS." CABINET THEREUPON  
DECIDED THAT IF UNP NOT GIVEN FAIR QUOTA,CUBAN  
AMBASSADOR IN SRI LANKA SHOULD BE REQUESTED NOT TO  
ISSUE VISAS TO ANY INVITEES. CUBAN AMBASSADOR, SUMMONED TO MEA,  
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DISCLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR INVITATIONS, WHICH HAD  
BEEN ISSUED BY PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR FESTIVAL.

3. AFTER FOREIGN MINISTRY'S INTERVENTION, NUMBER  
OF INVITATIONS GIVEN TO UNP WAS INCREASED FROM  
10 TO 20. FOLLOWING IS BREAKDOWN OF DELEGATION  
ACCORDING TO PARTY:

SRI LANKA FREEDOM PARTY (SLFP)	22
COMMUNIST PARTY(CP)	22
LANKA SAMA SAMAJA PARTY(LSSP)	22
UNITED NATIONAL PARTY (UNP)	20
NATIONAL UNION OF STUDENTS (CP CONTROLLED)	9
TAMIL UNITED LIBERATION FRONT (TULF)	5
JANATHA VIMUKTHI PERAMUNA (JVP)	5
(PEOPLES LIBERATION FRONT--INVOLVED IN THE 1971 INSURRECTION)	
MAHAJANA EKSATH PERAMUNA (MEP)	2
(PEOPLES UNITED FRONT)	
 YOUNG MEN'S MUSLIM ASSOCIATION (YMMA)	 2
 YOUNG CHRISTIAN WORKERS	 2

4. IN ADDITION, MINISTER OF PLANTATION INDUSTRIES, M.D.H. JAYEWARDENE AND K.C. ABYEWICKREME, MP FOR DENIYAYA, COMPRISED SRI LANKA'S TWO-MAN DELEGATION TO 25TH MONCADO ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS OF CUBAN REVOLUTION HELD IN SANTIAGO JULY 26. THEY HAVE ALSO BEEN INVITED TO BE GUEST OBSERVERS AT YOUTH FESTIVAL. SEMILAR INVITATION EXTENDED TO DR. COLVIN R. DE SILVA, DEPUTY LDEADER OF LSSP, WHO ALSO PRESENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AT YOUTH FESTIVAL.

5. IN VIEW OF ABOVE CONTROVERSY, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAS BEEN REQUESTED BY CABINET TO EXAMINE PROCEDURES REGARDING INVITATIONS TO VISIT COUNTRIES OF THIS NATURE AND PUT UP PROPOSALS TO CABINET. WRIGGINS

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